

FSA At Work Across Colorado - FY 2009

"The USDA Farm Service Agency delivered over \$378.3 million in federal program payments and loans to Colorado farmers and ranchers during FY 2009. Colorado agriculture benefits greatly from the tireless efforts of our dedicated employees and locally elected County Committees."

- Trudy Kareus, State Executive Director

Commodity Program Payments: \$246.0 million

Colorado producers received substantial monetary support during FY 2009 in the form of commodity and price support program payments.

\$75,642,843 - Direct and Counter Cyclical Program (DCP) Direct payments provide income support to producers of eligible commodities based on production history (acreage and yields) and do not depend on the current production choices. Counter-cyclical payments are made when the effective price for eligible commodities is less than the target price.

\$164,661,685 - Commodity Loans are available to eligible producers who use crops as collateral. The Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) makes loans for eligible commodities that are farm or warehouse stored.

\$4,918,010 - Milk Income Loss Contract (MILC) provides compensation to dairy producers when domestic milk prices fall below a specified level.



\$410,641 - Loan Deficiency Payments (LDPs) benefit producers who agree to forgo a commodity loan in return for a payment on the eligible commodity. LDP provisions allow compensation when market prices are low, as long as the producer maintains beneficial interest in the commodity.

\$404,651 - Farm Storage Facility Loans (FSFL) The Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC), through FSA, may make loans to producers to build or upgrade farm storage and handling facilities for eligible commodities.

Conservation: \$79.3 million

FSA made significant investments toward conserving and improving soil, water, and wildlife resources in Colorado. The Conservation Reserve Program is the USDA's single largest, most effective environmental improvements program. Colorado conservation investments in FY 2009 include:

\$79,048,984 - Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) provides financial incentives, cost-share and rental payments to producers who convert highly erodible cropland or environmentally sensitive acreage to long-term vegetative cover.

\$95,847 - Emergency Conservation Program (ECP) provides emergency funding for farmers and ranchers to rehabilitate farmland damaged by natural disasters and carry out emergency water conservation measures during periods of severe drought.

\$183,111 - Grassland Reserve Program (GRP) is a voluntary program designed to protect grasslands from conversion to cropland or other uses and conserve valuable grasslands by maintaining viable ranching operations. Payments reflect rental payments to producers as well as administrative expenses including appraisals.

Disaster Assistance: \$6.7 million

From drought to flood, freeze to tornadoes and hurricanes - no production agriculture operation is immune to the effects of natural disasters. Colorado FSA was financially responsive to Colorado producers following natural disasters.

\$3,990,091 - Non-Insured Crop Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) provides financial assistance to producers of noninsurable crops when low yields, loss of inventory, or prevented planting occurs due to natural disasters.

\$2,727,207 - Crop Disaster Program (CDP) compensates producers who suffered crop losses due to adverse weather and other natural disasters in crop years 2005, 2006 and 2007 .

\$8,397 - Livestock Compensation Program (LCP) provides benefits to livestock and catfish producers who suffered feed losses or incurred additional feed costs directly resulting from natural disasters.



Farm Loans: \$46.2 million

FSA obligated \$46,243,409 in direct and guaranteed operating loans, farm ownership loans, emergency loans and youth loans to eligible Colorado farmers and ranchers who manage family-sized operations and who were temporarily unable to obtain private or commercial credit.

\$33,041,089 - Guaranteed Loan Program FSA guarantees loans made by conventional agricultural lenders for up to 90 or 95 percent of any loss if the loan fails. In FY 2009, FSA guaranteed 41 farm ownership loans and 71 operating loans.

13,202,320 - Direct Loan Program FSA provides assistance to those unable to obtain guaranteed loans. In FY 2009, FSA funded 26 farm ownership loans and 179 operating loans that included 25 youth loans, 113 direct loans to beginning farmers and 45 direct loans to socially disadvantaged producers.

Colorado FSA Program Payments by County

Does not include farm loans or adjustments from previous programs.

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|------------|----------|------------|----------|
| Adams | \$144.6M | Montezuma | \$ 748K |
| Alamosa | \$ 862K | Montrose | \$ 643K |
| Arapahoe | \$ 1.7M | Morgan | \$ 9.3M |
| Archuleta | \$ 7K | Otero | \$ 2.5M |
| Baca | \$ 13.3M | Park | \$ 9.4K |
| Bent | \$ 1.4 M | Phillips | \$ 9.8M |
| Boulder | \$ 219K | Prowers | \$ 8.3M |
| Broomfield | \$ 5K | Pueblo | \$ 2.1M |
| Chaffee | \$ 46K | Rio Blanco | \$ 202K |
| Cheyenne | \$ 8.7M | Rio Grande | \$ 872K |
| Conejos | \$ 460K | Routt | \$ 783K |
| Costilla | \$ 255K | Saguache | \$ 1.0M |
| Crowley | \$ 1.2M | San Miguel | \$ 153K |
| Custer | \$ 65K | Sedgwick | \$ 5.7M |
| Delta | \$ 447K | Teller | \$ 3K |
| Denver | \$ 92K | Washington | \$ 17.1M |
| Dolores | \$ 1.3M | Weld | \$ 19.2M |
| Douglas | \$ 33K | Yuma | \$ 19.9M |
| Eagle | \$ 14K | | |
| El Paso | \$ 942K | | |
| Elbert | \$ 2.0M | | |
| Fremont | \$ 274K | | |
| Garfield | \$ 358K | | |
| Gunnison | \$ 4K | | |
| Huerfano | \$ 292K | | |
| Kiowa | \$ 11.7M | | |
| Kit Carson | \$ 19.8M | | |
| La Plata | \$ 495K | | |
| Larimer | \$ 858K | | |
| Las Animas | \$ 1.4M | | |
| Lincoln | \$ 8.5M | | |
| Logan | \$ 10.3M | | |
| Mesa | \$ 364K | | |
| Moffat | \$ 1.7M | | |

*** Counties not listed paid out less than \$1K in FSA benefits

Top 5 agriculture commodities, 2008

| | Value of receipts million | Percent of state total farm receipts | Percent of US value |
|------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------|
| 1. Cattle and calves | 3,058,056 | 47.0 | 6.3 |
| 2. Dairy products | 533,968 | 8.2 | 1.5 |
| 3. Corn | 518,205 | 8.0 | 1.0 |
| 4. Wheat | 475,866 | 7.3 | 2.7 |
| 5. Hay | 390,261 | 6.0 | 5.3 |
| All commodities | 6,509,478 | | 2.0 |

Top 5 agriculture exports, estimates, FY 2008

| | Rank among states | Value million \$ |
|-----------------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| 1. Wheat and products | 15 | 345.4 |
| 2. Live animal and meat | 12 | 292.8 |
| 3. Feed grains and products | 14 | 237.4 |
| 4. Hides and skins | 5 | 146.6 |
| 5. Hay | 10 | 117.8 |
| Overall rank | 26 | 1,424.6 |

Source: www.ERS.gov